State. In the Chittur Taluk, they are known by one name and in other Taluks of the State by some other name, and therefore, it is very difficult to answer that question.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural):* I mean among the applicants to the Staff Selection Board?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* There are certain people called Panickers and certain others called Theenda-panickers in the State. To which particular class they belong I do not know.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural):* There is only one applicant among the Theendapanickers from Chittur Taluk. So he ought to have been selected.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* If he is a unique man, we will consider the possibility of selecting him.

CASTE-WAR LIST OF OFFICERS ON Rs. 300 AND ABOVE

210. Mr. K. R. Viswambaran *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) a caste-war list of officers of the Cochin Government, who draw at present a salary of Rs. 300 per mensem and above with the actual pay at present;

(*b*) the post, grade of pay, actual pay of these officers on 1st Chingam 1110 if these officers were in service on that day ; if they were not in service, the date on which they entered service and the pay on which they were first appointed ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) & (*b*) The information is available in the Civil List.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to convey to the Secretary to Government my thanks, for having placed before this House this wonderful information ? *(Laughter).*

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Are there not, Sir, 44 appointments in the State carrying salaries above Rs. 300?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Possibly. I have not got the figures.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Then how is it, Sir, that not a single member from the Muslim community got any one of them? When there were any number of qualified men in the community

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why has the whole avenue been shut against it? Sir, is it not the share of the Muslim community to get 5 of these 44 posts, when calculated on a population basis?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* These higher appointments are not made on a population basis.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Is not population basis one of the weighty considerations that weigh with the Government in making these appointments, provided there are the requisite number of qualified hands? It was announced here publicly by the spokesmen of the Government that population basis would be one of the considerations that would weigh with Government in making appointments in the public service.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* We request that in the case of higher appointments also, the principle of communal justice followed by the Staff Selection Board should be followed.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Communal principle will be looked into as far as possible in the case of ordinary appointments.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Is it not a fact that the Muslim community pays the largest amount of Income-tax in the State?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. V. K Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know Sir, in which column in the Civil List are the particulars regarding caste and community are shown? I find there is no such column. In some cases even Brahmin names are put merely as "Radhakrishnan" so that, from the names themselves, it is sometimes impossible to make out the caste. Here a caste-war list of officers is asked for and the answer given is, "information is available in the Civil List". That is an irresponsible way of answering questions.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* There are irresponsible ways of answering questions in the same way as there are irresponsible ways of making statements. Leave alone that matter. If you want to know to which community each of these three-hundred officers belong, I shall give the information off-hand. I can give that information the moment you ask me.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* We asked for a caste-war list and in the answer it is stated: "Information is available in the Civil List". And, in the Civil List, there is not that information.

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Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I shall give you that information now.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Then, the answer should have been, "There is no necessity of answering this question". In that case, you should have disallowed the question. If the question is irrelevant, it should never have been allowed. There should be some method in answering the questions.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Ask me any name, I shall immediately give you the information.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Then the answer should have been, "The Secretary knows everything" *(Laughter).*

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Sir, a caste-war list was asked for and in the answer no caste-war list is available. It is not available also in the Civil List.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Full names are given there. From the names there is no difficulty to make out the castes.

Mr. President: I think, if you look into the Civil List, you can find it.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* No, no. The Secretary to Government says, if we have got any doubt, he will say the caste.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* You ask the caste of any name shown in the Civil List. I shall give it.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will the Government be pleased to see that hereafter, when the Civil List is prepared, the caste of every officer also is included, so that the necessity of referring this matter to the Government may be avoided?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I cannot give an off-hand answer. The question will be considered.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* After all you need add only one column. In that case questions of this nature can be easily avoided.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It is not exactly adding a column. It is its relevancy in the Civil List. Without further consideration, I can't give a definite answer.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that in the Administration Report published by the Madras Government, the number of

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appointments held by each and every community in the Presidency is given ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I have not specially referred to that portion of the Administration Report. If the hon'ble member asserts that this information is there, I may take it so.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* It is there.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Have the Government any objection to give such information in our Administration Report also ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The question cannot be answered off-hand. We will consider the question in all its merits. If there is any necessity we will do so.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTION PETITIONS

211. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to inform the number of election petitions filed.—

(*i*) under the Cochin Legislative Council Act, VIII of 1098; and

(*ii*) under the Government of Cochin Act, XX of 1113;

(*b*) will the Government be pleased to lay copies of the reports made by the Commissioners to the Government on the above stated petitions, on the table of the House ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) (*i*) 5.

(*ii*) 4.

(*b*) The reports have been published in the Cochin Government Gazettes after the disposal of the above petitions.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether these reports have been reviewed by the Government ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I do not think they have to be reviewed by the Government.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What I mean to say is this. Of course the recommendations made by the Commissioners are always accepted. "Government shall accept the report", that is the provision. There will be several other recommendations besides

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